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apple. The grafted trees bear in about four years, seedlings require double that time and are not reliable."

AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—January 31st. The members received the Earl of Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, and then considered Capt. H. W. Howgate's plan for the exploration of the Arctic regions. Addresses were delivered by Capt. Howgate, Mr. W. C. Bryant, Mr. Bayard Taylor, Hon. I. I. Hayes and Chief-Justice Daly, President of the Society.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB.—February 13th. Papers were read on the Mt. Desert Hills, by Rev. J. C. Adams, and on Roan Mountain, North Carolina, by Prof. J. H. Huntington.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.—January 16th. Mr. G. W. Bond made a communication on the Origin of the Merino race of sheep.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES.—February 13th. Prof. B. G. Wilder read a paper on the ærial respiration of *Amia*.

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### SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.<sup>1</sup>

THE GEOGRAPHICAL MAGAZINE.—January. Language-map of the East Indies, by R. Cust. The north-western frontier of India. The still unexplored parts of South America, by C. R. Markham. The ancient silk-traders' route across central Asia. Affairs in Japan, by R. H. Brunton.

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.—February. Echinoid fauna of Brazil, by R. Rathbun. Poplars of North America, by S. Watson.

ANNALES DES SCIENCES NATURELLES.—December 31, 1877. Mémoire sur l'Embryologie des Némertes, par J. Barrois. Expériences sur le Développement rubanaire du Cysticerque l'homme, par M. Redon.

<sup>1</sup> The articles quoted here are, in some cases, selected.